

light-shielding mask that covers at least a portion of the drive elements, and liquid crystals provided between the base substrate and the counter substrate, wherein an angle of light incident upon the liquid crystal device is restricted so that the light does not strike the drive elements; and

a projection lens which projects the light modulated by the liquid crystal device.

2. (Amended) A projector according to Claim 1, a condenser lens being further provided at a light-incident side of the liquid crystal device, and, by shifting a center axis of light incident upon the condenser lens and an optical axis of the condenser lens in parallel so that the incident angle of light that strikes the drive elements becomes small when the center axis of the light incident upon the condenser lens and the optical axis of the condenser lens coincide, the angle of the light incident upon the liquid crystal device is restricted.

3. (Amended) A projector according to Claim 2, an optical axis of the projection lens being shifted parallel to the center axis of the light incident upon the condenser lens in the same direction as the optical axis of the condenser lens.

4. (Amended) A projector according to Claim 1, a micro-lens array, comprising a plurality of lenses corresponding to the pixel electrodes, being further provided at a light-incident side of the base substrate, and, by shifting a center axis of light incident upon the micro-lens array and a center of the micro-lens array so that the incident angle of light that strikes the drive elements becomes small when the center axis of the light incident upon the micro-lens array and the center of the micro-lens array coincide, the angle of the light incident upon the liquid crystal device is restricted.

5. (Amended) A projector according to Claim 4, the micro-lens array being provided on the counter substrate.

B2 6. (Twice Amended) A projector according to Claim 4, an optical axis of the projection lens being shifted parallel to the center axis of the light incident upon the micro-lens array in the same direction as the center of the micro-lens array.

B3 7. (Amended) A projector according to Claim 1, wherein, by tilting an optical axis of the light source with respect to a normal line of the counter substrate so that the incident angle of light that strikes the drive elements becomes small when the normal line of the counter substrate and the optical axis of the light source are parallel to each other, the angle of the light incident upon the liquid crystal device is restricted.

8. (Amended) A projector according to Claim 7, an optical axis of the projection lens being shifted parallel to the normal line of the counter substrate in the same direction as the optical axis of the light source.

B4 9. (Twice Amended) A projector according to Claim 7, a micro-lens array, comprising a plurality of lenses corresponding to the pixel electrodes, being further provided at a light-incident side of the base substrate.

B5 10. (Amended) A projector according to Claim 9, optical axes of the plurality of lenses being shifted parallel to a center of a pixel of the liquid crystal device towards the light source.

11. (Twice Amended) A projector according to Claim 9, the micro-lens array being provided on the counter substrate.

B6 12. (Twice Amended) A projector according to Claim 1, a center axis of the light incident upon the liquid crystal device coinciding with a distinct-vision direction of the liquid crystal device.

13. (Twice Amended) A projector according to Claim 1, a viewing angle compensating film which causes a center axis of the light incident upon the liquid crystal

device and a distinct-vision direction of the liquid crystal device to coincide being further provided at the light-incident side of the liquid crystal device.

14. (Twice Amended) A projector according to Claim 1, a viewing angle compensating film which causes a center axis of light emitted from the liquid crystal device and a distinct-vision direction of the liquid crystal device to coincide being further provided at a light-exiting side of the liquid crystal device.

15. (Twice Amended) A projector according to Claim 1, viewing angle compensating films being further provided at a light-incident side and a light-exiting side of the liquid crystal device.

16. (Twice Amended) A projector according to Claim 1, a scanning line and a data line that crosses and is situated above the scanning line on the base substrate being provided at the base substrate, and the drive elements being connected to the data line and the scanning line, and including channel areas and semiconductor layers situated below the scanning line on the substrate.

17. (Amended) A projector according to Claim 1, a color light separation optical system which separates the light emitted from the light source into light beams of a plurality of colors being disposed between the light source and the liquid crystal device.

18. (Amended) A projector according to Claim 17, further comprising a plurality of the liquid crystal devices in correspondence with the light beams of a plurality of colors.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this Application. By this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, the abstract, specification and claims 1-6 and 8-18 are amended. No new matter is added.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of the substitute specification (37 C.F.R. §1.125(b)(2)) and claims (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).